

THE RISE OF THE NEW GLOBAL ACTIVISM

In the wake of 9/11, governments have been cracking down on the freedoms of individuals, but new activist movements are growing around the world and people are making determined stands for human rights and justice.

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MEET THE GLOBAL CORPORATE POLICE STATE

Only a totalitarian society would even claim absolute safety as a worthy ideal, because it would require total state control over its citizens' lives. Freedom is not defined by safety. Freedom is defined by the ability of citizens to live without government interference.

— US Congressman Ron Paul, in his "Texas Straight Talk" column, August 2004

Society Unravelling

It's a short visit to the USA, but already I'm getting used to standing in endlessly long airline boarding lines. I'm a white middle-aged woman in amongst people of all colours, waved into a line destined for special attention because of my "foreign" ID. Once American, I long ago adopted and was adopted by Australia, "the Lucky Country".

We wait, all of us stockinged or barefoot, looking pained and embarrassed, surrounded by black-suited, unfriendly, paramilitary-looking men and officials wearing rubber gloves. Up ahead an Hispanic child of barely three is being searched, her teddy bear falling to the ground. Rough hands retrieve it and probe the bear deeply for contraband. None is found. The child cries. The line is painfully slow. The linoleum chills my feet. My facial expression must be betraying my distaste. People talk in whispers. People glance around to spot the camera, careful to hide their mouth from the prying lens. A black man helps me to understand. "Nine-eleven," he whispers barely audibly. Others join in.

Stories cautiously seep out whenever I stand in line with others. We begin an impromptu Sociology 101 lesson. Somebody's friend with an Arabic name was arrested and disappeared for weeks, but was never charged. Somebody else knows of a teacher who taught the Constitution in her classroom and was censured. A student shared his political views in a classroom and was visited by the FBI. A person was detained for reading an airport novel that featured a gun on its cover. While somebody's sister was in jail for a minor offence, her child was put into a foster home by the authorities. "Surely that can't be right," I say from my white middle-aged Australian perspective. Laughs all round. "You got no money, you go to jail, man. It's da rules," explains a brown man with dreadlocks.

I later discover that of the 80,000 women now in US jails, about 70% are nonviolent offenders and 75% of them have children. Entire archipelagos of prisons all over the world are owned by private corporations. Business is booming. Share prices are going through the roof—a good investment for the rich. Multinational prison corporations have built and operate Australian detention centres where we, in the once Lucky Country, incarcerate refugees from the Third World. There are two million people in US prisons, the highest prison population in the world—more than in Russia.¹ Of those, 70% are illiterate, 50% are African Americans, and 80% are drug users and alcoholics mixed in with the homeless, the mentally ill and nonviolent offenders. The prison corporations offer no treatment for the sick or help for the homeless. On the contrary, the sick and poor are mixed in with a general assortment of sociopaths.

My boarding call is announced. I'm relieved when the line shortens. It's my turn. I am waved up to a table by two rubber-gloved uniformed persons. I notice that rubber gloves are very popular these days. I am motioned to stand with my legs wide apart, my arms extended. The large male spills my bag's contents onto a nearby table. My money purse bursts open and coins spill out. A dime rolls and stops at my bare feet. On it I see the

word "Liberty". I reflexively reach out to prevent the contents of my bag from scattering on the floor. The large male shoots out his hand, motioning me to stop. His other hand dives toward his belt, which bristles with some kind of paraphernalia. I stand to attention again. The trigger-happy moment is over.

The female begins her search. She pats me down thoroughly, pausing at my crotch to ensure I haven't stashed a weapon of mass destruction there. After she is satisfied, she produces a cotton swab, the kind used to remove makeup. She swabs carefully around the perimeter edges of my rucksack and places the swab into a machine nearby. I am told to stand there. No one explains what is happening. I wonder what they're looking for. I make a brief inventory. Have I visited a botanic garden recently? Could I have traces of fertiliser on my bag? Has my bag been contaminated by someone else's? And what happens to the millions of passengers who are now driving instead of flying? Have road blocks and barricades been erected? Are grandmothers and little girls being frisked at the roadside?

Still standing to attention, I wonder what has happened to the America of my childhood and teenage years; family picnics in the park. There was terrorism in the world then, but Kennedy presided over a White House without barricades. Now, 9/11 is the answer to all questions. But no one yet has satisfactorily answered the question about who really caused it. One thing is for sure: it has unleashed a global siege.

Powers of the Patriot Act

*The more laws that are written,
the more criminals that are
produced.'*

— Lao Tzu, *Tao Te Ching*

I ponder on my rights and wonder by whose authority I am required to stand here in a hostage position when I have done nothing wrong. I'd boarded scores of flights before 2001, but suddenly everything has changed. Now I'm being treated like a suspect, and so is the little three-year-old girl with her teddy bear ahead of me.

Then I remember that within barely 45 days of 9/11, the 350-page Patriot Act was written and passed by Congress without anyone but Ron Paul and a few African American congressional representatives reading it. Politicians may be exempt from reading laws, but citizens are required to memorise the 100,000 new laws passed each year in the United States because "ignorance of the law is no defense". The long arms of the Patriot Act claim to have powers over not just Americans but over all people in all countries of the world. The people of the world need to start reading. Now seems like a good opportunity for me to recap the legislation.

I remember that the Patriot Act requires me to refrain from attacking, setting fire to or disabling mass transportation systems, and spreading toxins or biological or radioactive weapons of mass destruction. The Act states that I must also refrain from attacking nuclear facilities and from carrying a weapon, including a nail clipper, onto an airplane. So far that isn't going to be difficult for me.

The Patriot Act II, however, exempts corporations from the penalties of those very acts. And they are not required to disclose information about toxins or biological or radioactive substances. Furthermore, any person found interfering, even unintentionally,

with any supply, computer or pipeline to US facilities in or around any of the thousands of US bases (or US corporations) stationed around the world on the sovereign soil of other countries is classed as an "enemy combatant" and deemed guilty of terrorism. They may be indefinitely detained, without charge, trial or reasonable cause. This also includes people who happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, such as the under-sixteen-year-old children who find themselves indefinitely captive in Guantánamo Bay.² It is dawning on me that the networks of prisons around the globe for "enemy combatants", just like Guantánamo, are courtesy of the Patriot Act. It seems there are no more prisoners of war under the Geneva Convention. And torture is now allowed.

The Patriot Act also requires me to report anyone I know who may be intending to do anything "intimidating" to the US Government, or even *thinking* about it. This requires special clairvoyant skills, but the penalty for not knowing what others are thinking is a stiff 10 years in a US federal penitentiary. In addition, if anyone in any other country in the world thinks about those things, I am required to report them to the US authorities. They can then be spied on in their own country with the aid of local-version anti-terrorist legislation which many countries have now passed through their Parliaments. It is designed to dovetail perfectly with the Patriot Act, empowering it over the peoples of other countries without anyone having discussed it, voted for it or consented to its powers. It seems that the sovereign nations of the

world are deemed to be ruled under a foreign power. Perhaps it's time for a referendum to find out what the people say—while it's still legal to vote.

Suspects under the Act can be removed from their own country to the United States or to any unknown whereabouts and have their assets seized. (Echoes of Guantánamo again: creating a prison planet for thought crimes, as foretold by Orwell.) If I should reveal the location where persons are secretly held without a trial, I could also be deemed a terrorist and the penalty

can be death. If I fail to report anyone thinking or talking about "intimidating" the US, I can have my own assets seized under section 806 of the Patriot Act, no matter where I live in the world.

Suddenly I realise we have all been recruited as part of the global police. I'm supposed to look out for any action that "could result in a foreseeable risk", any time before the Act became law (my emphasis). I'm beginning to realise, as I stand barefoot in the airport, how high-maintenance this law really is. I'd have to think back 40 years or so; it would take some time. Oh, but wait; there's more. The Act requires a DNA sample from anyone *thinking* about conspiring. That means a person is guilty of a crime by the mere thought of it. That's a lot of samples.

Then there's the ban on "domestic terrorism". That is any act that "*appears intended* to intimidate or coerce a civilian population" (my emphasis). (I wonder whether that search of my groin could be classed as "intimidating".) The Act also prohibits influencing government policy by "intimidation". Theoretically, that includes the activities of Greenpeace. However, it is still legal for corporate lobby groups to "influence government policy" by buying politicians.

"Domestic terrorism" is also defined as "affecting government conduct by mass destruction, assassination or kidnapping". I

"Police state: A nation whose rulers maintain order and obedience by the threat of police or military force; one with a brutal, arbitrary government."

— *Dictionary of Cultural Literacy*, 3rd Edition

wonder whether the invasion of Iraq was in breach of the Patriot Act. Patriot II, the horror sequel to Patriot I, in section 403 expands the definition of "weapons of mass destruction" to include any activity that affects US interstate commerce or US exports. Looks like corporations moved into the seat of government when nobody was looking.

The machine gives my swab a green light and I am free to gather the dishevelled contents of my rucksack and board the aircraft. Thanks to the Patriot Act, my fellow travellers and all Americans can feel so much safer now that my groin has been searched.

You know, a long time ago being crazy meant something. Nowadays, everybody's crazy.

— Charles Manson, serial killer and one-time cult leader

IF PAIN PERSISTS, SEE YOUR SPIN DOCTOR

We live in a dirty and dangerous world. There are some things the general public does not need to know, and shouldn't. I believe democracy flourishes when the government can take legitimate steps to keep its secrets and when the press can decide whether to print what it knows.

— The late Katharine Graham, owner of the *Washington Post*

Meeting Dr Spook

The commercial flight was full and heavy, but the pilot executed a perfect takeoff. I was seated next to a terse-looking man in his early 40s with a slightly grown-out US military buzz-cut. We were in it for the long haul.

Before too long, I realised he knew more about flying's effects on the human body than even a commercial pilot. The hours ticked by. He consumed a bottle of Aussie red. He seemed familiar with Australia; not Sydney or Melbourne, but the remote terrain of central Australia, near the bases. We talked about the Iraq invasion.

"The liberation? It's good for the Aussies...we don't buy French wines anymore."

It was the first time he'd laughed.

"But polls show that the Australian public doesn't want the war," I argued.

But I knew by now that we spoke a different language. He gave another brittle laugh as though I'd just made a joke. It was clear he considered the concept of electors as ludicrous and irrelevant. In his view, there was no connection between what the voters want and what the government does.

"What's the problem?" he asked. "We [the US] paid for the Aussie planes anyway, and they [the Aussies] get the reconstruction contracts."

Silence. We retreated into our corners for a while, pretending to sleep. Both of us had already quite accurately sized up the other.

He asked me where my ultimate destination was. I lied. And he knew it. I told him I'd been invited to give a talk.

That part was true. He asked me about my work.

I told him, "I'm a writer on the politics of the health care industry, among other things; exploding the myths."

"What do you mean?" His interest was sparked.

Briefly overcome by the pointlessness of sharing my views with him, I continued anyway.

"How strange is it that 'they' tell us the world population is still growing out of control, when the West has had close to zero population growth for many years now and up to 80% of the African population is infected with HIV and dying of AIDS, famine and war."

He pretended disinterest, but cocked his head toward me.

I continued. "How strange is it that 'they' tell us that our life expectancy is increasing because of good health care, when cancer is raging in epidemic proportions, nearly 42% of Americans will die of heart disease, and Western medical care has moved up to being the number-one killer in the West.^{3,4,5} Asthma, allergies, autoimmune disorders have risen by 40%; AIDS and other epidemics old and new rage out of control.

Obesity, mental illness, Alzheimer's, addictions and suicides are epidemic, and a quarter of children in the West and most in the Third World now live in poverty without basic necessities and medical care. Doesn't anyone die from these? In addition, 86% of US children cannot pass a standard fitness test. Isn't it manifestly obvious that life expectancy is increasing neither in the US nor the world?"

He had developed a slight facial twitch. "You're wrong," he said. "Dead wrong."

"I'm right," I said stubbornly.

"No you're not," he said. "I was an analyst for the Pentagon. I *analyse information*."

There, he actually said it. I stopped awhile to take it in.

"What do you do to the information?" I asked, not expecting a reply.

"Where did *you* get your information from?" he asked, ignoring my question.

"It's out there in the public domain." I quoted a few studies. "Since Big Pharma and corporations took over health care, it's been killing people. Millions," I said defiantly.

"Are you out there saying that in

public?" he demanded.

"Sure," I said.

"You can't go out there and say that," he repeated.

"But it's true," I insisted.

"You've got no proof," he challenged.

"Consider some proven facts about US health care and join the dots," I said. I quoted sources showing that the US, whose health care system is monopolised by corporations, has the worst infant mortality rate compared to 23 other wealthy countries whose health care system is still partly in public hands. "US health care corporations are powerful lobbyists and generous financial benefactors to politicians on Capitol Hill. The US has 5% of the world's population and it spends 45% of the world's health dollars. Despite this, Americans' life expectancies are the lowest of 23 other wealthy nations' and lower than some Third World countries like Costa Rica."^{6,7,8,9} "But not for long," I speculated.

"The Terrorism Information and Prevention System, or TIPS, means the US will have a higher percentage of citizen informants than the former East Germany through the infamous STASI secret police. The program would use a minimum of 4% of Americans to report 'suspicious' activity."

— *The Sydney Morning Herald*,
14 July 2002

"Globalisation is exporting this model to the rest of the world." He seemed agitated, but I had to finish. "This can only mean that corporate health care creates sickness, disability and death, and profits from it," I said.

"You can't say that," he hissed.

"Yes I can," I answered.

"No you can't," he repeated more grimly.

"Why not?"

"Because..." He hesitated, searching for the right words. "It's classified."

A long silence came between us. He sipped the last drop of red from his plastic airline cup. I sat back in my seat, trying to look relaxed. Perhaps it was foolish of me, I thought. But at least I found out who "they" are.

But that's the whole point of corporatisation: to try to remove the public from making decisions over their own fate, to limit the public arena, to control opinion, to make sure that the fundamental decisions that determine how the world is going to be run—which include production, commerce, distribution, thought, social policy, foreign policy, everything—are not in the hands of the public, but rather in the hands of highly concentrated private power. In effect, tyranny unaccountable to the public.

— Professor Noam Chomsky, interviewed in *Corporate Watch*

NEW SOLUTIONS FOR A SICK SOCIETY

Taking on Social Justice Issues

Each day the silent, global epidemic of official crimes of brutality escalates. Such crimes are seldom reported, but citizens' groups now track their numbers.

On my return from overseas, I was determined to track the people's response to the emerging global police state and its volumes of oppressive statute legislation. I soon discovered a rising tide of activism that already far exceeds the 1960s decade: citizens' grassroots activism, social justice and human rights activism, student activism, scientist activism, consumer activism, democracy in action, truth in media, truth in medicine, corporation watch, even Islamic activism. The global trend is steeply on the rise. And it is changing to suit the times.

There has been an increasing shift to personal empowerment, whereby ordinary persons create the changes they would like to see in the world. Surprising numbers are emboldened because the level of systemic corruption has become blindingly obvious and almost all voters now know that politicians undemocratically pass laws without their consent. Increasing numbers of people are finding it impossible to acquiesce to repugnant laws that deny human rights. Social justice groups are rediscovering the principles of *natural law* and the community traditions of *common law* (defined by the *Oxford Dictionary* as "that which derives its force and authority from the universal consent and immemorial practice of the community"). Common law

movements are gathering around the world, addressing social, political and judicial injustice.

One such movement was started in Australia by Malcolm McClure, who has frequently challenged statute laws successfully. He now conducts seminars and classes around the country which assist and support persons who stand up for their primary human rights. Malcolm McClure refers to his common-law movement as UPMART, a fellowship of "like-minded electors, united in common causes, who uphold, protect and live their inalienable human rights". He emphatically states that under common law, natural law, constitutional law and the tenets of basic human rights, "No statute law can come between you and your primary rights". The movement has found kindred spirits in the thousands who have subsequently been emboldened to stand up for their rights in diverse areas.

Exposing Violations in the Mental Health System

Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in health is the most shocking and the most inhumane.

— Martin Luther King, Junior

The repressive mental health laws being put in place around the world reduce accountability and transparency, seemingly empowering the corporate state to incarcerate individuals indefinitely in order to force drugs and treatments upon them that can cause permanent brain damage.¹⁰

Mandatory mental health screening has recently been introduced in some US states, and activists fear it will also lead to more involuntary drug treatments.^{11,12} Increasingly, where statute laws abound, more health conditions are being included under the "mental health" umbrella. The result has been a shocking betrayal of trust. Increasingly, children and teenagers who once needed treatment merely for a drug or alcohol problem are being funnelled into the mental health system and often end up on psychiatric drugs for the long term. The Citizens

Commission on Human Rights¹³ and other watchdogs investigate and expose psychiatric violations of human rights. All report a significant increase in complaints of psychiatric abuse.

A seventeen-year-old Australian boy¹⁴ had been smoking marijuana on a regular basis during his final year of school. He was a well-liked, straight-A student. The boy and his mother sought help from staff at a nearby drug and alcohol treatment centre, but they said that pot "won't hurt him". Still concerned, the mother took her son to the local doctor. The GP referred him to a visiting psychiatrist, who then began to prescribe psychiatric drugs to the boy. Within weeks, the psychiatrist placed the boy into the mental health system. Once there, he was heavily drugged. Within two years, the boy was permanently institutionalised and given dozens of shock treatments without his mother's consent. Later he was found to have paddle-shaped electrical burns on his upper abdomen from the shock treatment.

For the past seven years he has been institutionalised and drugged into a stupor with strong psychiatric drugs. Now a man

"Whenever the legislators endeavour to take away and destroy the property of the people, or to reduce them to slavery under arbitrary power, they put themselves into a state of war with the people, who are thereupon absolved from any further obedience."

— John Locke

of twenty-four, he remains imprisoned in the mental health system and his general health has deteriorated appallingly. Mostly heavily drugged and in effect unable to communicate, he shakes and trembles between rigid spasms and shuffles unsteadily when on his feet. The remaining time he sleeps stuporously for hours on end. The psychiatric facility has refused to allow outside medical treatment for him. In his GP's opinion, the young man may now be irreparably brain damaged. His mother has now taken common law steps to address her son's psychiatric abuse and to provide the necessary medical measures required to treat the damage done to her son.

Reclaiming Parental Rights

Stories abound of children dying in the care of abusive parents after child welfare authorities had been notified and failed to take action. However, the darker side of government child welfare authorities is rarely publicised.

authorities made an eleven-year-old-girl¹⁵ a ward of the court after an oncologist called in the authorities when the family was still deciding whether to consent to chemotherapy. The child had chemo forcibly administered while being confined and guarded in a hospital for two months. A Supreme Court judge ordered this forced treatment on the strength of the oncologist's opinion. However, the doctor could not show any evidence supporting the validity of his treatment. The family made several efforts to stop the forced treatment, which they considered to be medical abuse, but they were unsuccessful in this—despite having spent their savings on legal fees. The child's father joined a common law movement and represented the child's interests in Court himself, where he reinstated his and his wife's parental rights.

Standing Up for Our Health Freedom

The Big Pharma lobby has increasingly infiltrated government policy.¹⁶ Consequently, there have been unprecedented attacks on the use of natural, non-drug-based therapies as well as on their providers. New health care laws give powers of search and seizure to medical boards and health care watchdogs. This might be understandable if the police-state powers were being used to ferret out sleazy or quack doctors and incompetent practitioners. Perhaps not surprisingly, however, the power of these laws is now arbitrarily used to harass and abuse qualified doctors and other health professionals who practise natural, alternative or integrative health care.¹⁷

Last year an Australian naturopath was allegedly raided by a government team who searched the practitioner's private belongings. The quiet, elderly, health professional was overwhelmed and devastated by the raid, allegedly conducted by 18 uniformed goons.¹⁸

More recently, another notable Australian physician who has achieved excellent clinical results treating patients with nutrient supplements and dietary measures was targeted by

the medical regulators in his state. He had been officially harassed for several years. But when confronted by the Board's police-type powers, he "voluntarily" consented to his retirement instead of mounting what he anticipated would be a costly and stressful legal action.¹⁹

The Internet abounds with health freedom activists who are now tracking this official abuse of practitioners. However, Tim Bolen, one such advocate, publicises the increasing numbers of practitioners who successfully stand up to authorities.²⁰ Though abuses still abound, some success stories are emerging.

One Australian doctor, who successfully incorporates natural medicine into his busy practice, was targeted by his state's medical board on the basis of issues such as a complaint made by an habitual complainant who has been mentioned in Parliament as a person who systematically makes complaints specifically against alternative practitioners. The medical board took up this bogus complaint in an attempt to use its police-type powers to gain entry to the doctor's premises. The board's representatives were stopped on the day because the doctor insisted the board demonstrate a reasonable cause and a proper reason as to its authority to enter his premises. The board was unable to do this. The doctor remains an ardent constitutional law and social justice advocate.²¹

"...it is a government by the corporations, for the corporations."

— Rutherford B. Hayes,
19th President of the USA

Applying the Common Law for Our Civil Liberties

Since 9/11, law enforcement has acquired the militaristic image of an occupying army with its use of non-lethal weapons and riot paraphernalia. Even in developed countries the police, once employed to uphold community rights and safety, now attempt to use brutality to suppress lawful activities such as the right to dissent. However, as the lyrics go, it appears that growing numbers of ordinary folk are "mad as hell and not gonna take it anymore".

The principles of common law are being applied in many settings. In July 2004, police attempted to herd demonstrators protesting against repression of civil liberties at the Democratic



"The boys in PR have come up with an answer to public litigation. We have the legal definition of 'side effects' changed to include death."

National Convention in Boston into an area enclosed by netting, chain link fence and barbed wire. Many demonstrators said the area looked like a concentration camp. There were 5,000 police, army reservists and feds prowling the vicinity and helicopters circling overhead. By all accounts, the city of Boston was making its debut as a police state. Many demonstrators acquiesced to being herded into the barbed wire enclosure and vocally complained about it afterwards. However, a large number of demonstrators refused to enter the area which the authorities had ironically called the "free speech zone".²² They powerfully exercised their simple common law right to withhold consent to an injustice. The importance of that event eclipsed the other events of the day.

Routine law enforcement has also taken a more sinister turn. A middle-aged Fijian couple²³ from Sydney's inner west were driving their van to a business meeting early in 2004. The police stopped the van and issued a minor traffic infringement to the husband, who was driving. Moments after the woman took the wheel, the police stopped them again for the same infringement.

The woman explained that the infringement had already been issued once and that, in any case, they intended to go to court to argue the matter. (This kind of police harassment where persons are stopped repeatedly for the same matter is known as "hunting".) A short but polite discussion ensued, during which time police called for back-up. Within minutes, seven police cars had surrounded the couple's van, with 15 officers attending for a minor offence. A few minutes later, an officer smashed the van's semi-open window and two police officers pulled the woman from the van. The beefy young officers descended on her until she fell to the ground. She was left on the roadside with a fractured shoulder and bleeding from glass cuts. Two eyewitnesses corroborated the event. The husband and wife are now taking the first steps toward legal action against the police involved.

A feisty, middle-aged Melbourne woman²⁴ was stopped in 2003 by a police officer and booked for an alleged minor traffic violation. She told him she was quite prepared to argue the matter of the infringement in court, but took exception to what she regarded as the officer's acting beyond the powers of his jurisdiction. The officer seemed incensed that she had not been intimidated by his display of power. This led to a hunting campaign against the woman, involving at least 17 separate occasions when police stopped her. One officer waylaid her vehicle five times and another one on four occasions. On most occasions, officers reached into her car in an attempt to detain her further, after she had given them the necessary details and was ready to drive away.

Since then, the woman has represented herself at least nine times in court on the matter. Three occasions were in the Supreme Court. The woman had no prior legal training, but used the basic principles of common law that she learned at the UPMART workshops she attended. She brought charges against the police whom she believes harassed her. Her cross-examination of a police officer on the witness stand turned out to

be a harrowing experience for him. She maintains an articulate legal argument based on her deeply held belief that she is entitled to exercise her primary rights and is unwilling to acquiesce to injustice.

An inalienable human right is a right that is with you at all times; it is a part of you and cannot be separated from you. It is a right that cannot be granted to you by man or governments. Inalienable rights are intrinsic to our existence. Inalienable rights are bestowed by the creator of creation, and cannot be granted by an earthly authority. They who seek permission from a court to live an inalienable human right are seeking permission from persons who are pretending to have the authority over that right.

— Malcolm McClure

"There is rising a new movement in the world. It is bigger than the movement of the 1960s. Yet it is barely seen by the experts and analysts. They look only at the behavior of institutions and politicians, not at the underlying forces that eventually burst into visibility."

— Tom Hayden, "Evidence of Things Unseen: The Rise of a New Movement", ZNet, October 23, 2003

Creating Free People Zones

By all accounts, there is a staggering growth in social justice movements which are starting to change the current trend of corporatisation, political oppression and corruption. Increasingly, institutions and corporations are being held to account.

Malcolm McClure's UPMART movement is currently assisting health care consumers to require doctors to provide accurate information about vaccination and other procedures or be liable for damages.

Increasingly, class actions are gathering—on behalf of vaccine-damaged children, children unlawfully taken from their parents, consumers who demand their right to natural treatments, and practitioners who have been harassed by the health authorities.

One UPMART class action, UCAR, sets out to ensure the rights of persons to be represented by the person of their choice—a move intended to make legal representation fair and affordable.²⁵ Meanwhile, alternative co-operatives are emerging, as well as alternative motor vehicle registration, banking and insurance facilities. There has been an

increase in the number of self-sufficient communities that rely on their own resources and legal instruments. It appears that these are ideas whose time has come. Malcolm McClure has been asked to bring his common law tools to other countries including the USA, New Zealand and Thailand.

With the help of a compliant mainstream media, governments continue to create reams of laws that seek to enslave humanity in "Free Trade" Zones". Yet a global network of "Free People Zones" is coming into being, where millions of people are joined by the spirit of their collective values. They create their own media, literature, food, conservation projects, healing centres, technology and politics. In the US, over 300 cities and four states have passed resolutions to have the Patriot Act repealed.

Around the world, individuals, fellowships, entire communities and emerging movements have put governments on notice that constitutional laws and human rights will not be violated in their area.

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Additional Website Resources

- <http://www.upmart.org/>
- http://www.ipetitions.com/campaigns/MoveOn_StrategyChange/
- <http://www.aclu.org/SafeandFree/SafeandFree.cfm?ID=14000&c=206>
- <http://www.wotusa.org>
- <http://www.newswithviews.com>
- <http://www.alternet.org/story/9862/>
- <http://www.mega.nu:8080/ampp/>